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TOPIC 1. Aspern Airfield

2. Aspern and Gross Enzersdorf Military Posts

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1. Between 0800 and 1500 on 20 May 1954, 24 MiG-15s, 3 biplanes and 2 silvery Li-2s were parked at Aspern (P 49/33 U: XP 1142) airfield. There was a 5/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, a northwesterly wind of about 15 km/h, and very good visibility. No air activity was conducted. During the morning, the MiG-15s from the eastern edge of the field were towed by motor vehicles to the dispersal area in front of the flight control station.

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2. Vehicular traffic to and from the flight control station, which was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, involved trucks                      jeep                      and weapon-carrier                      all with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Tank truck                      was parked among the motor vehicles near the garages. The rolled area in front of the temporary buildings was apparently scheduled to become an athletic field. Two opposite masts of the PKV-45 DF station were located parallel to the runway, while the two other masts were at a right angle to the runway. The small cone-shaped antenna with disc was still located on the roof of the flight control building. An anemometer was fitted next to it. The old measuring device was still observed on a mast which was located at some distance from the flight control station. Two wires extended from the mast to the flight control building. The AA gun emplacements were occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns.

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3. Five motor vehicles were parked in the eastern cantonment in Aspern military post.

4. The Konrad Kaserne in Gross Enzersdorf military post was frequented by officers and EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. There was vehicular traffic. The yard of the former home for aged people was occupied by motor vehicles and there was vehicular traffic including jeep                      and trucks                      all with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets.

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5. Between 0800 and 1200 on 22 May, 26 canvas-covered MiG-15s, 3 Yak-11s and 2 silvery Li-2s were observed at Aspern airfield. There was a 2/10 to 6/10 overcast, a westerly wind of about 5 km/h, haze, and a moderate

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visibility. No air activity was conducted.

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6. Twenty-six motor vehicles of various types, including tank truck [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were parked in the garages at the field. Three tank trucks [redacted] were observed in the area of the fuel dump. Vehicular traffic to and from the flight control station involved ambulance [redacted] and trucks [redacted]. There was no activity at the field, except for the washing of motor vehicles near the garages.

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7. Truck [redacted] occupied by a driver and 5 men all wearing black-bordered blue epaulets moved into the Konrad Kaserne in Gross Enzersdorf military post. One of the telephone lines from the airfield to Gross Enzersdorf, the laying of which had been observed on 12 May, lead into the barracks installation. The buildings No 135 on Kaiser-Franz-Josef Strasse and No 241 on Kasernen Strasse were no longer occupied by Soviet personnel. The motor vehicles in the yard of the former home for aged people included trucks [redacted] and van-like truck [redacted].

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[redacted] Comment. It is believed that Aspern is still occupied by a Soviet fighter regiment.

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